(b) whether the new company has obtained all clearances from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation; and

(c) whether the reported merger comes under the purview of the Competition Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The market share of Jet Airways and Air Sahara during the current year is 34.9% and 9.7% respectively and is therefore less than 50% of the domestic aviation market.

(b) The company has applied for the clearance of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation as per Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) provision, which is under process as per relevant guidelines.

(c) The Competition Commission has not become fully functional and has not been undertaking any adjudicatory functions. The provisions in the Competition Act, 2002 relating to combinations of various types (including mergers/acquisitions etc.) are yet to be notified.

Permission to Government officers for accepting Directorship of private companies

3973. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted Government officers and officers working in Government funded institutions for accepting the Directorship of private companies;

(b) if so, what are the rules in this regard; and

(c) how many officers have accepted to serve on the Board of private companies and how much remuneration have they received for attending the Board meetings?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.